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DEPT FOR CU/ARTS; GENEVA FOR CSCE/CORIDEN; LENINGRAD

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1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS, FOR DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION,  
FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION OF PARA 4 REFTEL DISCUSSION OF  
POSSIBLE POPULAR MUSIC GROUPS FOR USSR TOUR. BELIEVE  
"SOUL" GENRE NOT OF TOP INTEREST HERE, AND SUGGEST PRIORITY  
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO "SOFT ROCK", "BLUES/ROCK", OR "COUNTRY  
ROCK". WHILE THIS WOULD BE NEW FOR SOVIET TOUR, AS  
WOULD MOST ASPECTS CURRENT MUSIC, BELIEVE TIME RIPE TO MAKE  
ATTEMPT. WHATEVER POPULAR STYLE IS REPRESENTED BY GROUP  
FINALLY SELECTED, WE HOPE TOP INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS (WHO ARE  
CREATIVE AND INFLUENTIAL FORCES IN CONTEMPORARY POPULAR  
MUSIC) CAN BEAPPROACHED FIRST IN PREFERENCE TO LESSER-KNOWN,  
MORE DERIVATIVE ARTISTS.

2. THESE ARE SOME EXAMPLES; LIST OF COURSE NOT  
EXHAUSTIVE:

A. SOFT ROCK--BOB DYLAN, JAMES TAYLOR, DON MCLEAN, OR  
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B. BLUES/ROCK--THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND, LYNYRD  
SKYNRYD, "ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION", OR RICHARD BETTS

C. COUNTRY ROCK--POCO, CACTUS, THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT  
BAND, OR LEON RUSSELL.  
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